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SUBJECT: PAPAHOV'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM -- UNOFFICIAL
ACTIVITIES

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1. HIMMIRSKY HOSTED A RECEPTION/BUFFET AT THE BULGARIAN
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 9. THE
BULGARIAN DESK AND THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY COORDINATED INVI-
TATIONS. ATTENDANCE WAS GOOD, INCLUDING HIGH-LEVEL OFFI-
CIALS FROM STATE, COMMERCE, NSF, AND NAS. FORMER AMBASSADOR
TO BULGARIA MARTIN HERZ WAS PRESENT.

2. OVER THE FEBRUARY 11-12 WEEKEND, THE PAPAHOV DELEGATION
VISITED NASA'S GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND THE SMITH-
SONIAN'S AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM AND SHOPPED FOR FIVE HOURS AT
A SURBURBAN SHOPPING CENTER. THE DELEGATION DEPARTED FOR
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 12. (DEPART-
MENT IS POUCHING TO EMBASSY AN UPDATE OF THE REMAINDER OF
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PAPAHOV'S US PROGRAM, OUTLINED IN REFTTEL.)

3. COMMENT - PAPAHOV DELEGATION AND BULGARIAN EMBASSY
HIGHLY PLEASED WITH WASHINGTON PROGRAM. PAPAHOV AND PETROV
EARLIER ENJOYED CINCINNATI VISIT. PAPAHOV COMMENTED ON
WARMTH AND SINCERITY OF US OFFICIALS AND SAID HE EXPECTS

NSF-SCSTP AGREEMENT TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS. PAPAZOV WAS
ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH MEETINGS WITH SENATOR STEVENSON
AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARUCH. WE THINK THE VISIT THUS
FAR HAS EXCEEDED DELEGATION'S EXPECTATIONS. END COMMENT.
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